

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were originally presented for examination. Claims 1-33 were the subject of a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003. Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I, drawn to a method for plant trait analysis and data management. Applicants further elect without traverse the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention related to a directed screen to identify an altered level of a biochemical component, which is the subject of pending claim 14 and readable on claims 1-11 and 15-25. Claims 12 and 13 are withdrawn as nonelected species of the claimed invention, but Applicants reserve the right to reinstate these claims if a generic claims covering the species is held to be allowable. Claims 26-33 are canceled in response to the restriction requirement, but Applicants reserve the right to file future divisional applications covering the subject matter and inventions of these claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that Applicants have fully responded to the restriction requirement raised by the Examiner and requests examination on the merits of all remaining pending claims, 1-11, and 14-25. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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